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SUBJECT: DIMONA LABOR DISPUTE SETTLED. ARABS RETURN TO WORK

REF: TEL AVIV 4757

1. LABOR DISPUTE AT DIMONA FIBRES TEXTILE PLANT REPORTED
REFTEL ENDED AUGUST 30 AFTER EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
SENIRO MANAGEMENT HISTADRUT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IT
WAS AGREED THAT 110 OF 345 DISCHARGED JEWISH WORKERS WILL
BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHILE REMAINING DISMISSED
WORKERS WILL RECEIVE SERANACE COMPENSATION HIGHER THAN
ORIGINALLY OFFERED BY COMPANY.

2. ACCORDING TO HISTADRUT SOURCE, ALL 160 ARAB WORKERS
FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO WERE PLACED ON TEMPORARY LEAVE
HAVE RETURNED TO WORK. HE STATED THAT DISMISSED JEWISH
WORKERS IN STAGING WIDELY PUBLICIZED DEMONSTRATION AGAINST
CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF ARABS WERE PRIMARILY EXPLOITING
SITUATION TO EXTRACT ADDITIONAL SEVERANCE PAY COMPENSATION
FROM COMPANY. WHILE DEPLORING CONDUCT OF JEWISH WORKERS,
HE NOTED THAT JEWISH WORKERS AT DIMONA PLANT HAD SENIORITY
OVER ARABS. IN ANY EVENT, HE ADDED EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE
IS BY LAW GIVEN TO ISRAELI WORKERS. UNDER PRESENT LABOR
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SHORTAGE, HE SEES NO PROBLEM FOR ARABS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

IN ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE PROGAGANDA CREATED
BY DIMONA DEMONSTRATION SEEMS TO HAVE BEN DEFUSED. GOVERNEMTN AND
HISTADRUT LIKELY TO TAKE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO AVERT SIMILAR
SITUATIONS WHERE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN PARTICULAR COMPANY
EMPLOYING ARABS FORM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES REQUIRE DISMISSAL
OF JEWISH WORKERS.
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